

GAJA

2022 SORÌ SAN LORENZO, BARBARESCO DOP

WINERY

Located in Piedmont in northwestern Italy, the GAJA winery is widely considered to be one of the greatest estates in the world, producing coveted and collectible labels.

WINE

In the local dialect, Sorì refers to the hillside facing south, while San Lorenzo is the patron saint protecting Alba's Cathedral, as the vineyard was church property until 1964, when it was purchased by the Gaja family.

VINEYARDS

The Sorì San Lorenzo single vineyard is located in Barbaresco, close to the historic town center. It is south/southwestern faced and it overlooks the Tanaro River, which regulates temperature and humidity.

WINEMAKING

Fermentation, maceration and aging in oak for 24 months.

VINTAGE NOTES

The 2022 vintage will be one that will leave an indelible mark on the Langhe. The extreme drought that we experienced has no historical precedent. Winter was very dry, on December 8th there was a small snowfall that was followed by 113 days of complete drought. Consequently, the budding was delayed and started after the 30th of March. April continued to be very dry and finally water came in May which was immediately absorbed by the soil

and helped the formation of the bunches. Then we experienced a very hot June and even hotter July. Green harvesting during July was instrumental to reduce the stress and allow for a complete maturation of the grapes. During August we had two rainfalls on the 7th and on the 17th that saved the vintage, refreshing the weather and giving relief to the vines. The first part of September was still characterized by warm weather and then finally starting from the 15th temperatures dropped and diurnal shifts increased. Harvest started on August 19th for the whites and ended on October 9th for Nebbiolo. It was one the most anticipated harvest we have ever experienced. We compare this vintage to 2003, which was initially underestimated but turned out to be an excellent vintage after aging in the bottle.

TASTING NOTES

Intense and persistent nose, with aromas of black cherry and raspberry, underbrush, and graphite. It is characterized by great energy on the palate, entering smoothly, with significant concentration and structure; the finish is very long and fresh, with plenty of structure, fine and rich tannins, and a sweet cherry flavor.



VINEYARD

Region: Piedmont
Appellation: Barbaresco D.O.P.
Vineyards: Barbaresco
First Vintage: 1967

WINEMAKING

Varietals: Nebbiolo
Aging: Aged in oak for 24 months

TECHNICAL DETAILS

Alcohol: 14%